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Pete Eyre works on a video depicting story of Mah-hi-vist Goodblanket, 18 year old Cheyenne and Arapaho teenager shot to death in his parent's home by law enforcement.

CopBlock is watching.

Armed with video cameras, a laptop and a mission, Pete Eyre travels across the United States recording interactions with law enforcement and citizens, interviewing hundreds of individuals who have experienced excessive police force ... from brutal beatings to shooting deaths.

The videos and stories are then posted on CopBlock.org, a blog type-site to bring awareness to the increasing use of deadly force by law enforcement agencies.

Organization documents law enforcement tactics across the country

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Based out of New Hampshire, Eyre traveled to Oklahoma, ending up following up on the shooting death of 18 year old Cheyenne and Arapaho teenager, Mah-hi-vist Goodblanket, who was shot by Custer County deputies on Dec. 21, 2013 in Clinton, Okla.

"I was planning this trip and I received an email from someone saying I needed to look into the Mah-hi-vist Goodblanket case in Clinton, Okla., so I started to do a google search and really didn't find a whole lot except in your newspaper and one other paper in Clinton. I crossed checked with some other information and found Melissa and Wilbur Goodblanket, so I drove to their home in Clinton, explained to them who I was and what CopBlock does and they agreed to be interviewed about the shooting death of their son. I am putting together a video for our Website, which will be uploaded soon, and I tried to go to Custer County Sheriff's Department, but no one would talk with me or answer any questions," Eyre said.

According to the CopBlock.org Website, *"Cop Block is a decentralized project supported by a diverse group of individuals united by their shared goal of police accountability. We highlight the double standard that some grant to those with badges by pointing to and supporting those harmed. By documenting police actions whether they are illegal, immoral or just a waste of time and resources then putting direct pressure on the individuals responsible (ideally while recording and then later sharing), we can work together to bring about transparency and have a real impact.*

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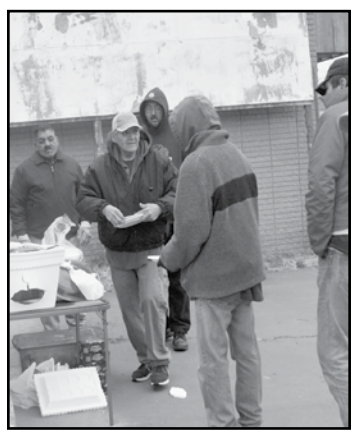

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Standing on the streets of downtown Oklahoma City, Mark White sets up an old card table to place pots of hot food on.

The temperature hovers at 30 degrees, with a biting frigid wind and drizzling raindrops falling on his hat covered head. But White seems not to notice the freezing temperatures or the rain. He is intent on feeding the homeless, some curled up in doorways, some seeking shelter in cardboard boxes and others just wandering the streets.

"This is our first time out here, but I can tell you we will be out here every Saturday at noon to feed," White, Comanche, said. "I have been in and out of missions along the streets here and I have talked to a lot of people who are hungry. One that really touched my heart was a man who was turned away from one of the missions because he was drunk. He was saying, 'I don't want to cause no trouble, I am just hungry, please, I am just hungry,' and that man is what spurred the idea for me to feed the homeless."

White said he has noticed a lot of the homeless in Oklahoma City are Native Americans from every tribe.

"There are a lot of Native American tribes represented down here living on the streets and just the thought of someone being hungry in this day and time tears at my heart," he said.

According to recent studies, in Oklahoma 2013, there were over 27,200 homeless people on any given night, with 23 percent of this number being children, 18 percent being identified as Native Americans and 21 percent veterans.

"My uncle Mark, who is Comanche, wanted to help the homeless Native Americans, specifically with feeding them. He does this all on his own, out of his own pocket and he called Cody and I, so we said we would help," Malaina Tallbear, niece of Mark White, said. "A lot of our people are homeless and they need the assistance of the tribes."

White will be serving to the homeless every Saturday, starting at noon at the crossroads of Commerce Street and Robinson Avenue in Oklahoma City. The vacant lot is located catacorner from Dean's Pawn Shop located at 2617 S. Robinson Avenue.

Any volunteers and donations of food items, blankets, coats and clothing will be accepted and appreciated.

For more information or to donate, contact White at (405) 881-8217.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Mark White serves up a cup of stew to one of the many homeless people living on the streets of Oklahoma City.

Debra Gould Harris assists two other volunteers with getting the food ready to be served to the homeless.

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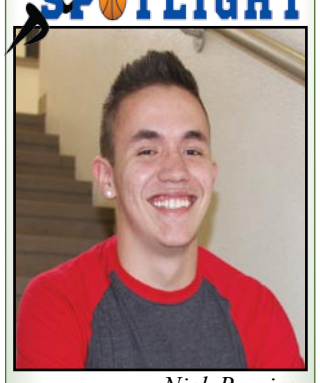

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New scholarship lifts financial burden for boarding school students

By Rebecka Lyman, Ad Sales/Reporter

The Native Americans Transforming Vision (NATV) scholarship founder, Cassandra Factor, said she started the scholarship as part of coursework for a program she is in.

"I chose to create a scholarship for the children at The Children's Village back in fall of 2013. The guidelines got approved for the scholarship through the Chickasaw Foundation on Dec. 12, 2013," Factor said.

On March 8, 2014 Factor hosted the first NATV benefit and silent auction in Purcell, Okla., to help raise funds for a scholarship that will be available to the children that attend The Chickasaw Nation boarding school called The Children's Village in Kingston, Okla.

Currently there are several Cheyenne and Arapaho students enrolled at the boarding school. Children first through 12th grade can attend the school and must be from a federally recognized tribe.

Being a former student, Factor wanted to help with the burden of costs to the families so she created a scholarship for the students who attend the school.

"Most of these kids come from the same background as I and I wanted to help them get a start in life. Some of their families can't afford to send them to a university or community college," Factor said. "So when I created this scholarship I kept in mind that not everyone is meant for a major university. So the guidelines I set were for any higher learning institution such as trade schools, vo-techs, community colleges and universities."

Factor said she hoped by creating the scholarship the students may understand that they don't have to be defined by their circumstances, that "they can be more."

She also said one day she hopes the scholarship will be available as a full ride for a student.

The Children's Village Director, Sallie Wallace, spoke about how proud she was of Factor's desire to create a scholarship that will help assist the students.

"This is such an exciting evening and to have a former student want to give back to the very school that she graduated from is such a great thing. I am proud of Cassandra and all that she has done for the students at The Children's Village. She comes out to the school often and she is involved with the youth in many projects."

The Children's Village can house up to 80 students with eight per cottage. They are taken care of by a married couple known as dorm parents.

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Quinton Jones, The Children's Village, residential manger, Sallie Wallace, The Children's Village, director, Cassandra Factor, founder of NATV scholarship and Shelly Wall friend to Factor and event committee at the inaugural NATV scholarship benefit and auction held on March 8, 2014 in Purcell, Okla.

"The Children's Village provides Native American children with the opportunity for social, spiritual and personal development through professional guidance in a safe and nurturing environment," Wallace said. "This scholarship will allow these children to have some financial help for them to attend any higher learning institution they might want to attend."

Wallace said instead of the dormitory approach to housing students, The Children's Village uses cottage-style housing and the youth attend the Kingston school system.

The NATV scholarship will be available for youth who attend the boarding school in Kingston and is expected to be available for the 2015 school year.

If interested in donating to the NATV scholarship visit www.gifts.chickasawfoundation.org, click on Chickasaw Foundation General Donations and add a note saying donation to go to the NATV scholarship. Donations can also be mailed in to NATV Scholarship c/o Chickasaw Foundation, P.O. Box 1726 Ada, OK 74820-1726.

For more information call Cassandra Factor at (940) 206-6413.

CLINTON PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING
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The playground project is coming to an end.

On March 29, 2014, after four years of dedicated work by volunteers, the grand opening of the Clinton Playground will be held starting at 12 noon at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla.

This project was just an idea that grew into a realistic hands-on empowerment type community project. Through many fundraisers, small grants, and definitely hard work by the parents, grandparents, tribal program employees, casino employees, and community members, we have reached the milestone we all dreamed of.

There were several times that we wished we would have included the installation cost of the equipment in the total of the project. But, the time we spent working side-by-side with our volunteers digging dirt, mixing concrete, shoveling and raking, laughing, sweating, and getting our tribal youth workers to help us, made the effort worthwhile.

This project was to empower each volunteer with pride knowing they were a part of the playground, and that milestone has been achieved.

We look forward to cutting the ribbon to let our children enjoy the effort that we chose to take on. The smiles on their young faces will show each volunteer that this project was worth the extra-long days after work to raise money, or all the weekends we gave up to install the equipment.

Please come out to see what a true effort can accomplish by a handful of volunteers.

A fundraiser will be held to install a sign, once we get a "naming of the playground" event planned by the children.

Invitations to various individuals who were always supporting us will be mailed out.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony will be a cookout for all to stay, eat and watch our children play on the new playground.

Daughter of Oklahoma governor defends headdress photo

By Kristi Eaton

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)-The daughter of Oklahoma's governor, who is part of a punk band and has posed for revealing photos at the state mansion, defended herself Friday after posting a photo of herself in a Native American headdress that critics called insensitive.

Christina Fallin, who is not Native American, wears a red-and-white feathered headdress in the post, which includes the phrase "appropriate culturation." The post says the photo was taken at Remington Park, a racetrack and casino owned by the Chickasaw Nation, one of the state's most powerful tribes.

The photo was posted Thursday to Fallin's Instagram account and the Facebook page for her band, but was later replaced with a statement saying she felt the "deepest respect" for Native American culture and asking people to forgive her for wearing beautiful things.

Fallin, the daughter of Oklahoma's first female governor, Mary Fallin, made headlines in 2011 after a photo shoot at the governor's mansion. A local magazine focused on 20-somethings posted videos from the session, showing her strolling around the mansion property in avant-garde fashions.

Those videos were removed from the magazine's website after some people said they were distasteful. Christina Fallin issued a statement at that time saying she was thrilled to be a part of the magazine.

The 26-year-old Fallin is currently a marketing consultant for and appears in another local magazine that features fashion trends, health tips and beauty advice. She is also part of a local band that describes itself as "electronic-punk."

In the past few weeks, she's also posted several photos from events with her mother: first one from the State of the State speech at Oklahoma's capitol and others from Washington, D.C., while at the National Governor's Association meeting.

The picture of the headdress quickly drew negative comments on Fallin's social media profiles, many of which were then deleted. Headdresses, historically worn by Native American warriors who received feathers for heroic deeds, are considered sacred items and are still used for some ceremonies.

Christina Fallin said in a statement that growing up in Oklahoma, she has been in contact with Native American culture her whole life.

"With age, we feel a deeper and deeper connection to the Native American culture that has surrounded us," she said. "Though it may not have been our own, this aesthetic has affected us emotionally in a very real and very meaningful way."

Before it became a state, part of Oklahoma was known as Indian Territory and was the landing spot for thousands of Native Americans forced to relocate there. There are 39 tribes based in Oklahoma, only some of which historically wore headdresses.

A spokesman for the governor had no comment. Scott Wells, president and general manager of Remington Park, said in a statement that facility officials were not aware Fallin posed for the photo and don't believe she meant any disrespect.

After previous cases in which retailer Victoria's Secret and the band No Doubt have apologized for using Native American dress, some say Fallin should have known better.

"Not only tribal headgear, but tribal wear at all is usually very sacred to Native Americans and usually part of ceremonial (events)," said Louis Fowler of Oklahoma City, who is Choctaw. "The fact that Christina Fallin even titled it 'appropriate culturation' means that she kind of knew what she was doing. There's a big difference between doing it stupidly and doing it knowingly."

Oklahoma ranks second in the nation in the total number of Native American residents, and Native American culture is deeply embedded in the history and politics. The state flag includes Native American symbols and a warrior statue sits atop the Oklahoma capitol dome.

Mary Fallin, a Republican who became governor in 2011, has been at odds with some tribes in the past, including in a lawsuit over water rights and the signing of an extradition order for a Cherokee Nation member. She has worked to build and improve those relationships since becoming governor, and has appointed a liaison for Native American affairs to her office.

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Courtesy photo

Christina Fallin, 26 year old daughter of Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, posted this photo of herself online. After the negative reaction from Native Americans across the country, Fallin removed the photo.

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March 26, 2014
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
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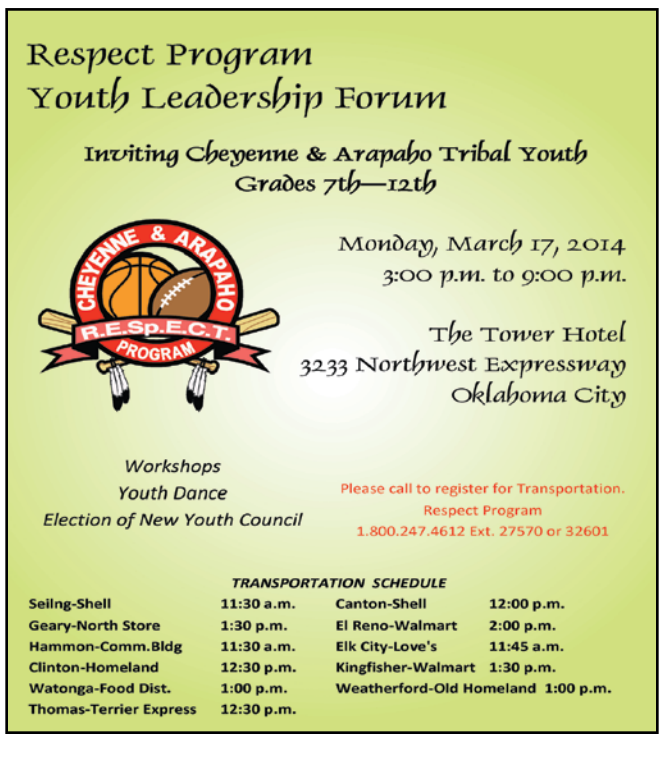

Litigious Wyoming inmate complicates tribe's giant land claim

By Kirk Mitchell, The Denver Post

Wildlife repository specialist Dennis Wiist evaluates a bald eagle at the National Eagle Repository in Commerce City. The Native American Eagle Feather Program is operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

American Indians enrolled in federally recognized tribes can apply to have eagle feathers for religious purposes. Andrew Yellowbear, a prisoner in Wyoming, won a court decision allowing him to keep eagle feathers in his cell.

For some inmates, filing lawsuits is as much a part of prison life as lockdowns and bunk beds. Their handwritten motions and missives are often laughed off and dismissed as the legal ramblings of idle people.

But when it comes to Andrew Yellowbear, no one is laughing.

During the 10 years he has spent behind bars in Wyoming, Yellowbear has fought and won complicated court battles to obtain eagle feathers and access to a prison sweat lodge.

Now he is seeking to overturn the conviction that landed him in prison in the first place. It's an argument that has become an embarrassment to leaders of his own tribe who are seeking to obtain 1 million acres of land through a case now sitting before the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Yellowbear, who is seeking to have his conviction overturned, has been successful in winning other court cases.

"The Northern Arapaho tribe has no interest in seeing Mr. Yellowbear get a new trial on this basis," said Mark Howell, the tribe's Washington, D.C., lobbyist.

Howell's comment about the publicity-savvy Yellowbear doesn't begin to reflect the angst that tribal leaders have for the notorious convict serving a life sentence in the 2004 beating death of his 22-month-old daughter, Marcela Hope.

After five years of legal wrangling, the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone tribes won a landmark administrative decision by the Environmental Protection Agency on Dec. 19 when the federal agency concluded with U.S. Justice Department assent that the million acres, about 100 miles southeast of Jackson, belong to the tribes. The additional land would increase the reservation's size by nearly one-third.

The tribes' stated goal was to set air-pollution standards. But the implications of the EPA decision could be far-reaching, affecting taxes of American Indians and legal jurisdiction in criminal cases, possibly including Yellowbear's.

Within days of the EPA decision, Yellowbear filed a lawsuit claiming that because his daughter died in Riverton, which falls within the disputed million acres, his case should have been tried in tribal or federal court.

For the tribes, the timing couldn't have been worse. Yellowbear's filing came as tribal leaders were attempting to quell fear spreading about the possible consequences of the EPA's action. Some people have avoided buying homes in Riverton.

Howell insists that Yellowbear's case simply inflames those fears because established case law means he's unlikely to prevail.

But underestimating what Yellowbear can muster from his cell at the Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution in Torrington, 85 miles northeast of Cheyenne, can be a mistake, said Denver attorney Sean Connelly, a former Colorado Court of Appeals judge who represented Yellowbear in the sweat-lodge case.

He said Yellowbear's court victories already have helped establish law regarding religious rights of prisoners in Wyoming, Colorado and four other states within the boundaries of the 10th Circuit. Cheyenne federal appeals attorney Timothy Kingston said Yellowbear is tenacious, but mostly he's just right.

"Andrew is a smart guy. He learned how the court system works," Kingston said.

Raised near Riverton, Yellowbear recalls hauling rocks into sweat lodges to place in the fire pits when he was 9. He has attended 500 lodge ceremonies, including four times in the sacred Sundance Sweat Lodge.

In 2004, his daughter was taken to a hospital with injuries described in court documents as "almost innumerable abrasions, wounds, burns and broken bones." It added: "The cause of Marcella's death was determined to be repetitive, abusive, blunt-force injuries."

While he was in jail, Yellowbear filed a lawsuit against Wyoming, writing neatly in cursive his argument about Riverton being within historic reservation boundaries. Barry Bachrach, an attorney in Leicester, Mass., took on Yellowbear's case pro bono.

Yellowbear's court battle would last six years.

During that time, he won the right to have eagle feathers after claiming they are a conduit to his creator, as sacred as rosary beads are to Catholics. Yellowbear later filed a suit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's eagle repository in Commerce City, when they delayed giving him an additional seven eagle feathers for four years. He filed a tort claim against the repository; the claim is pending.

Yellowbear sued again after not being allowed to worship in a sweat lodge at the Torrington prison. The 10th Circuit eventually sent the case back to a Wyoming court and suggested a compromise giving Yellowbear access to the sweat lodge.

Yellowbear's original lawsuit, seeking to overturn his conviction, was ultimately defeated for jurisdictional reasons. But the EPA ruling puts it into a new light.

Within days after the EPA ruling, Yellowbear called Kingston and asked him to represent him. Kingston, who helped Bachrach on his earlier case, said he is considering doing so. The Wyoming Attorney General's Office is disputing ownership of the million acres in the land case before the 10th Circuit.

Kingston said he believes the tribe and Yellowbear will win.

"At the end of the day, his conviction could be thrown out," said Kingston, who added that tribal or federal prosecutors would then decide whether to file charges against him.

Jim Thorpe Native American games moves to Shawnee

An exciting week of athletic competition will take place in Shawnee during the month of June in honor of one of Oklahoma's greatest athletes.

The third annual Jim Thorpe Native American Games will take place June 8-14, 2014 at different venues throughout Shawnee including, Oklahoma Baptist University St. Gregory's University, the Ball fields at Firelake, Firelake Golf Course, and Shawnee High School.

Athletes representing over 70 Indian nations, bands and tribes from across the United States will gather to share their talents in the spirit of the "World's Greatest Athlete" and Native American legend, Jim Thorpe.

Over 1,500 Native American athletes are expected to participate in ten different sports events throughout the week that will include basketball, softball, tennis, wrestling, track and field, cross country, golf, martial arts, beach volleyball, stickball and lacrosse exhibitions.

In addition to these 11 sports, a Jim Thorpe Native American All-Star Football Game will take place on Friday, June 13, 2014 at Oklahoma Baptist University. The football game will showcase Native American high school seniors from across Oklahoma. The new Firelake Arena will be the host site for the opening ceremony that will include a Parade of Nations, children's activities, health fair, and a stickball exhibition.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to make the move to Shawnee. This community takes great pride in their ties to Jim Thorpe, and have welcomed the event with open arms," Annetta Abbott, (Choctaw), executive director, said. "The Native American communities know the importance and value of supporting healthy lifestyle choices for their youth. Some of the many benefits of the games will include promoting leadership development, increasing cultural awareness and most importantly, motivating young people to achieve great things. Our young people are not only the leaders of the future; they are the leaders of today."

The Jim Thorpe Native American Games are proud to welcome as presenting sponsors Nike N7, Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

"Without the support of the corporate community and the tribes the games would not be possible," Abbott said. "I want everyone to know that I am very excited to hear that the Jim Thorpe Native American games are going to be conducted in our city this summer. I am always amazed at what can be done in a community when so many people pull together and what great things they can make happen," Wes Mainord, Shawnee mayor said. "With Shawnee being the home of Jim Thorpe of the Sac and Fox Nation and his family, we are honored to host this event highlighting the athletic accomplishments of this Native American legend," Kinlee Farris, Executive Director Shawnee Convention and Visitors Bureau said. "Our hotels, attractions, restaurants and retailers have come together to volunteer, provide sponsorships, and support this event. Without them, none of this would be possible."

For additional information on the games call (405) 208-9253 or info@jimthorpegames.com or visit www.jimthorpegames.com.

Note: In 2013, the Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp. E.C.T. basketball teams medaled in all the divisions they entered, winning the Gold medal in six of the divisions.

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Tribal Tidbits .....

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Members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Color Guard and American Legion 401 Post attended the 69th anniversary of the raising of the U.S. Flag in Sacaton, Ariz. to commemorate the flag raising on Mt. Suribachi, island of Iwo Jima during WWI.

The event is held each year in Sacaton, Ariz., to commemorate the historic event and also to honor the participation of the Pima tribal member, Ira Hayes, who was one of the soldiers to place the U.S. Flag at Iwo Jima.

This event became a great American symbol of a great victory in the pacific by U.S. troops. Iwo Jima was one of the many islands overtaken by the Japanese and was a controlled territory that had been held by the Japanese forces in the pacific. U.S. Marines took heavy casualties, but persevered by defeating Japanese forces in a prolonged battle to capture Mt. Suribachi and raise the flag. A great shout and noise went up from all American forces that could see the flag waving.

The festivities in Arizona included a Friday evening banquet with honored guests and dignitaries as well as tribal officials.

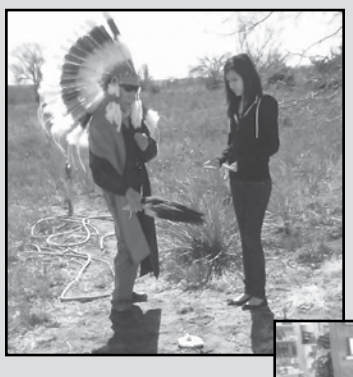
A parade commenced on Saturday morning, with over 130 entrants, prepresenting all branches of service, tribal organizations, service organizations, posts of every kind from many states. Some of the entrants were from Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, California, Utah, Idaho, South and North Dakota.

A highlight was the flyover of a refurbished WWII bomber and a wing of WWI Bi-Planes.

Cheyenne and Arapaho members and veterans were proud to participate this year on a voluntary basis saying it is an honor to travel to different locations and represent the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, their veterans and their tribal members.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Youth program take students on a field trip to the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site on Feb. 22, 2014.

Canton tribal youth students pictured l-r are Sabrina Gaines, Greg Walker, Shaynna Walker, Dayeneirah Sampson, Sierra Rocha, and Gabe Rocha.



LEFT: Cheyenne Chief Larry Roman Nose blesses one of the tribal youth students, Shaynna Walker.

Submitted photos

RIGHT: Kathryn Harrison, Educational Coordinator, showing students a warrior's shield that was made from buffalo hide.

Tribal youth visit historic site

On Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, six students from the Canton Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Youth Program took a cultural awareness trip to the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site in Cheyenne, Okla.

Students watched the short film, *Destiny at Dawn,* which gave a brief synopsis of what occurred at the site. Kathryn Harrison, the education coordinator at the Washita Site, presented to students the many ways our ancestors utilized the buffalo.

Cheyenne Chief Larry Roman Nose performed a blessing ceremony for the students at the beginning and ending of the trip.

Students also went down to the Native Garden, where there were different plants, trees, and shrubs planted. The design of the garden was shaped into a medicine wheel. While there, Chief Roman Nose spoke to students about how he became chief, and what it meant. He also described the plants that are used for spiritual purposes and taught students how to say cedar, sage, sweet grass, and cactus in the Cheyenne language.

At the conclusion of the trip, students thanked Chief Roman Nose for coming and for the many blessings they received from him.

2014 Young Native Writers Essay Contest is underway

The contest is designed to encourage young Native American writers to explore their heritage. It is open to Native American high school students from all Native communities.

For 2014, students are being asked to write about one or more of the cultural images, symbols or art forms that have been historically developed by their community (American Indian, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian) to communicate a particular message or value or serve a specific purpose. Essays are to be 1,200 words or less and should cover the following:

Describe the image(s), symbol(s) or art forms selected;

Explain how it was originally developed or used by the community;

Reflect on the student's own experience about it, including thoughts and feelings; and

Suggest why or how it is still relevant today.

This contest is co-sponsored by the Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). Contest winners will receive a $2,500 college scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a week of activities. **The essay submission deadline is April 22.**

Those students who are interested in participating can visit the Holland & Knight Young Native Writers Essay Contest website, www.nativewriters.hklaw.com, for official contest rules and to view past winning essays. All essays must be submitted electronically by the entry deadline, April 22, 2014, through the contest website. Up to five contest winners will be announced in mid-May.

During the week of July 20, 2014, the contest winners will receive an all-expenses-paid "Scholar Week" trip to Washington, D.C. The group's activities will include an honor ceremony at NMAI, a tour of the NMAI Cultural Resources Center where tribal objects can be viewed and studied; educational symposia for students and their teachers; and a tour of the U.S. Capitol. Winners will also receive a $2,500 scholarship to be paid to the college or university of their choice.

The contest debuted in 2006 in Red Lake, Minn., in response to the March 2005 shooting by a Red Lake High School student of five fellow students, a teacher, a security guard, members of his family and then himself.

Holland & Knight's Charitable Foundation developed this contest with the hope that the Red Lake community would find healing by promoting its rich culture and traditions. In the following years, the program has evolved to serve all Native American communities.

For more information contact the First Nations Development Institute at (303) 774-7836.

Human Trafficking in Oklahoma

The trafficking in children for sex was once thought to be a problem beyond America's borders. But the FBI and the Justice Department have now started focusing intently on the issue and what they've found is shocking. Thousands of young girls and boys are falling victim to violent pimps, who move them from state to state, which makes it a federal matter. The younger they are, the more they're worth on the street.

Trafficking is not smuggling. There are several important differences between trafficking and smuggling. Trafficking need not entail the physical movement of a person (but must entail the exploitation of the person for labor or commercial sex).

In 2009 the State Department reported that the US is now the number one destination for child sex trafficking in the world.

When you consider where Oklahoma is located geographically between these profitable cities and the heavy usage of commerce that flows through I-35 from Houston north and I-40 and I-44 to all points East and West, it becomes reasonable to understand why Oklahoma has so much trafficking and why our kids are vulnerable to the pimps and traffickers.

Traffickers seek out the most vulnerable as their victims. Many are runaways or were previously molested, however, many are lured from loving, caring homes by the promise of jobs or other enticements.

According to the State Department children trafficked as sex slaves is the world's second largest criminal enterprise. Professionals and law enforcement agree that Oklahoma is in a prime location for child sex traffickers, thanks to two interstates that cross the state.

Several of the nations more notable cases happened right here in our state. In 2002 the Pickle case with 52 skilled workers that were brought over from India and forced to live in a compound at the company, were paid less than $2 per hour and had to be rescued by members of a nearby church. In 2004 the FBI conducted a sting operation at Oklahoma truck stops called "Stormy Nights" in which 23 underage girls were rescued from forced prostitution, the youngest of which was only 13. In February 2009, an FBI Task Force working with Innocence Loss rescued several girls from forced prostitution through a Craig's List sting operation.

Additionally, in 2003, the State Department listed California, New York, Texas and Oklahoma as having the largest number of trafficking survivors receiving federal assistance in our nation.

According to the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), human trafficking alone generates a staggering $9.5 billion in yearly revenues worldwide. The International Labor Office (ILO) estimates that figure to be $32 billion each year. Moreover, there are more slaves today than any other time in human history. Worldwide estimates are that 27 million men, women, and children, even babies, are in slavery today, at any given time, a number much greater than any other period in recorded history and exponentially growing.

Mark Elam, coalition director of Oklahomans Against Trafficking Humans (O.A.T.H.) says the statistics are staggering. There are 27 million known slaves in the world. Of that, 80 percent are women; half are children. "There are 170 countries now that buy and sell humans," Elam said. "One is America."

Why such a demand? Sadly, it's the resale value.

"You can only sell a kilo of cocaine once," Elam said. "Humans you can sell again and again and again."

Elam said an estimated five million photos and videos of children circulate the internet each day.

"The United States is the number one producer and purchaser of child pornography. The vulnerable are targeted through many outlets, including online. They are grooming minors through online social networks," Elam said. "The average age of a prostitute is now 14. The average entry age is 12."

With 100,000 children estimated to be in the sex trade in the United States each year, it is clear that the total number of human trafficking victims in the U.S. reaches into the hundreds of thousands when estimates of both adults and minors and sex trafficking and labor trafficking are aggregated.

In 2006 there were only 5,808 prosecutions and 3,160 convictions throughout the world. This means that for every 800 people trafficked, only one person was convicted in 2006.

For more information on human trafficking in Oklahoma, please contact: O.A.T.H., Oklahomans Against Trafficking Humans in Oklahoma City by calling the statewide hotline (800) 995-0128, Oklahoma City office, (405) 855-1764, Claremore office, (918) 341-8344 or visit www.oathcoalition.org.

She survived human trafficking

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK- Women and children sold for sex and labor and some of them end up dead.

An Oklahoma native says she was smuggled to Las Vegas and sold for sex in California, Florida, North Carolina, New York and many other states across the country.

This week advocates from Oklahomans Against Trafficking Humans (O.A.T.H.) and Stop Child Trafficking Now are meeting for a conference in Norman, Okla. to better educate parents, law enforcement and advocates against human trafficking.

Sex slaves trapped in a tragic reality with their captors selling their bodies.

"I thought I was going to die. I thought my body was going to be a Jane Doe," said "Jules".

The survivor still living in fear doesn't want to reveal her true identity.

"The traffickers I dealt with are not your local pimp they are bigger than me and you," said "Jules".

So big it's known to work like a mob, organized crime where women, teen girls, toddlers are smuggled and used as commodity.

"There are pedophiles that want really small children," said "Jules".

An underground market that "Jules" said is booming right here in this country.

"Organ trafficking, sex trafficking, illegal adoptions, identity theft also used as labor factories," said "Jules".

It's a business and the younger the women, the more money they're worth. "Jules" was 19 when she was trafficked for sex but she said she could be sold as a 13-year-old girl.

"I told this one client the truth and he said I bought $5,000 worth to be with a minor and that's what I want. It wasn't about 'oh my goodness you've been trafficked let me help you'. None of the clients," said "Jules".

The only escape was to run away and countless times she would be punished or beaten with a crowbar, yet she would still run.

"(They) put me in a bathtub filled up with ice and naked, that way they wouldn't see the bruises," said "Jules".

However, the real torture came from watching what happened to others.

"They would chain her to a bed and have a line of men raping her and beating her and we had to watch and that was a sign to let us know that you don't disobey me," said "Jules".

"I remember as a child in Sunday school, 'oh I would never want to be in the fires of hell' to me this was the fires of hell."

So "Jules" said it was only God that could help her escape.

"I am still surviving I don't think I could ever finish surviving and Oklahoma is my home and I want to share my awareness," said "Jules".

The survivor said she was a foster child but the 50 to a thousand teen girls and women she met were recruited weren't always people with a rough childhood.

"Jules" said many traffickers will pose as talent agents pretending to cast musicians, actors and models.

She also cautions teens what they post on Myspace, Facebook, online chat rooms and blogs.

"'I am angry with my mom cause she made me do the dishes cause it wasn't my turn' and then that is a sign for any trafficker or pimp to go online and I understand what you are talking about. Do you want to go chill at my place and she'll say sure where do you live?" said "Jules".

America's underground sex trade is considered a $3 billion industry.

Oklahoma lawmakers are considering making human trafficking a felony if convicted it would be no less than a 10-year-prison sentence.

CopBlock

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different viewpoints and tactics that seek to curtail the all-too-common rights-violations and unaccountability that exists today.

We do not "hate cops." We believe that no one, not even those with badges, have extra rights. The failure to realize and act on that is to our detriment. By focusing the disinfecting light of transparency on public officials we safeguard not just our rights but also those of future generations.

Those of us who write for and are responsible for CopBlock.org affirm that violence is not condoned except in the defense of self or others - while we recognize the rights of other individuals to use the CopBlock name, we do not recognize those that do not affirm and live by that statement."

Eyre's friend, Ademo Freeman, first formed CopBlock in January 2010.

"It was started by my buddy, Ademo, who is from Wisconsin. He had some issues with police there and was seeking to remedy them through official channels and wasn't finding any help, so he started putting these interactions online, then it grew into a group site and now it has grown into a decentralized blog site where people can submit their stories and videos from all over the country and the world," Eyre said. "It is kind of a resource hub where people can go to learn more and print out flyers. The goal for me is to not have the site to exist. I see the need for it today, because there are so many people with badges getting away with things, but the goal is to empower people to stand up for their rights and hopefully not have to have this kind of to exist."

Eyre is no stranger to the inner workings of law enforcement agencies. He received his undergrad in law enforcement and justice administration from Mankato State University in Minnesota, and then attended graduate school for law enforcement.

"I did an internship with the St. Paul police and did several ride a longs. I had written off the feds because I didn't agree with what was in their mission, but I thought I would work for a big department and kind of change some things. I was coming to the conclusion that what I was doing was more reactive than proactive, so I applied with police forces in LA (Los Angeles), New York and Seattle, but in LA they asked me about some questions I had answered honestly about some minor drug use during high school and they ruled me out, so I withdrew my applications in New York and Seattle," Eyre said. "I got a job in the private sector, but then I got accepted at the CATO Institute in Washington, D.C., which is kind of like a libertarian think tank. I felt real fortunate to get to go and I was out there for about five years, but my friend and I thought we could have a bigger impact by being out talking to people and sharing ideas."

Splitting the cost of an RV, Eyre and his friend embarked on their first seven month road trip, interviewing people, trading videos, calling the project Motor Home Diaries. Eyre said his friend, Ademo Freeman (founder of CopBlock.org) joined them after he heard about what they were doing.

"The next year Ademo and myself when out on the road again for three and a half months on a tour we called Advancing the Voluntary Society and in between those projects, Ademo had started CopBlock. It's a site. We need for people to recognize there is a pattern of institutionalized violence, get people to withdraw their consent from police apparatus and at that point the site won't need

Pete Eyre will travel across the country videotaping, documenting and posting online police interactions until there is reform with law enforcement agencies across the U.S.

conversation that cuts across demographics so I chose to start focusing on CopBlock and to try to implement the message of self ownership in police accountability and the 'no victim, no crime' as well as all the double standards that exists for the police," he said. "I come at it that the police standards can be reformed, more accountability, implementing police cameras. Like I told a Yukon police officer I spoke with this morning, that its not necessarily that they all are bad people, they probably have good end goals, like to protect people and property, which I agree with those goals, but the question is how they go about getting to those goals, the tactics that they use."

Eyre believes the police do not hold themselves accountable or have transparency, and is hoping for reform in both of these areas.

"The incentive for the police force is to just grow in size and scope, which is true of most government institutions. I met a guy in Detroit during one of my travels named Darrell Brown, who started a company called Threat Management Center when he saw that the Detroit police were not really trying to help people. So he started with a rifle and a dog and has now grown to hundreds of employees, who have clients that hire him to patrol neighborhoods, businesses and with all the extra revenue he gets they turn around and help a lot of people for free," Eyre said. "He also tries to train law enforcement on new tactics to diffuse a situation, like instead of using deadly force. He uses a model that he says comes from a place of love. He said he tries to tell police employees that if you go into a bad situation where someone has barricaded themselves or whatever, instead of just going in there and shooting away, think if that was my brother or my cousin would I have waited a little longer before using deadly force, would I have asked another question or attempted to diffuse the situation in a different way than just resorting to force. I think with Mah-hi-vist and the Custer County police employees, would they have just gone in that home and shot their brother or cousin in less than a minute or would they have tried to diffuse the situation in a different manner, we will never know the answer to that."

To learn more about CopBlock and their mission, visit www.copblock.org. To view some of the video shot in Custer County, visit www.bambuser.com/v/4418513.

Legislative News

January Regular Session

The Regular Session for January was held on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014. The bills passed were:

- Comprehensive Plan
- Tribal Historical Preservation Plan
- Comprehensive Economic Development Plan

February Regular Session

The Regular Session for February was held on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014. The two Bills passed are:

- A Resolution Authorizing Signatories for the Enrollment Department
- Repealing Resolution 4L-RS-2013-04-004, to Call for an Election to Amend the Constitution
- A Resolution to Approve Submission of Grant Application to the Department of Justice for the Coordinated Tribal Justice Grant

New Bills. Bills placed on the Legislative Calendar for the March session are:

- Amend the Health Board Ordinance
- Building Codes
- Garnishment Code
- Amend the Election Code

**Amend Law and Order Code to Require Tribal Membership for Marriage.

The Legislature are inviting all tribal members to join them in discussion regarding proposed changes to Section 1101. Recording of Marriages and Divorces of the current Law & Order Code. The current law states that an "Indian person in a party" shall be allowed to marry within the C&A Tribal Court. The current law does not define the term "Indian."

The proposed change will require at least one person to be an enrolled tribal member with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. The proposed change does not pertain to or will have any effect on same sex marriages. We are encouraging ALL tribal members to attend and share your feedback and voice any concerns you may have that pertain to the current code or to suggested change.

Public Hearings

Community meetings held throughout the month will be at various locations and will be held on Tuesdays. These meetings will allow community members to meet the legislators and give thoughts on items being considered. The locations and dates for these meetings are:

- Watonga Community Building
  March 18
- Seiling Community Building
  March 25
- Hammon Community Building
  April 1
- Clinton Community Building
  April 8
- Thomas (location TBA)
  April 15
- Kingfisher (TBA)
  April 22
- Geary Community Building
  April 29

Please visit the Legislative Facebook page for any changes or contact Legislative Clerk Ramona Tall Bear for more information.

The Legislature has a Facebook page, please make friends with Cheyenne-Arapaho Legislature. We will post upcoming Community Meetings and Bills passed by the Legislature.

Please contact your Legislator or the Legislative Clerk for additional information. The Legislative Clerk Ramona Tall Bear can be reached at 405-422-7778 or extension 27778 or email rtallbear@c-a-tribes.com.

Submitted photos

Cheyenne district two legislator, Alan Fletcher, and Arapaho district two legislator, Christine Morton, hosted a meet and greet for tribal members on Feb. 26, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

A newly renovated wing in the Education Building in Concho, Okla. will soon be the new offices for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Legislative Branch. Left to right: Corrine Morton, Ramona Tall Bear, John Parris, Alan Fletcher, Bruce Whiteman, Sylvia Sandoval, Vida Blackwolf, Caressa James, David Ramos.

Legislators:
Cheyenne District 1/
Speaker of the House-
Bruce Whiteman
Cheyenne District 2
Alan Fletcher
Cheyenne District 3
Cheevers Heap of Birds
Cheyenne District 4
Kyle Orange
Arapaho District 1
Eugene Mosqueda
Arapaho District 2
Christine Morton
Arapaho District 3
Patrick Spottedwolf
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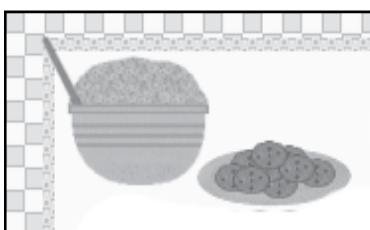


Cereal Snack Mix

Cooking with USDA Foods

Furnished by the Food Distribution Program

1-1/2 cups unsweetened rice square cereal
1 cup toasted round oat cereal
1 cup small pretzels
½ cup honey-roasted peanuts
½ cup raisins
½ cup candy-coated chocolate pieces (optional)
Stir together
Store in an airtight container
Makes 5 servings, 1 cup each

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

28th Annual National Reservation Economic Summit March 17-20, 2014 at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.ncaied.org

Indian Country's Indirect Cost Summit

March 20-21, 2014 at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Grievance and Appeal Procedures for Human Resources Professionals in Indian Country

March 24-25, 2014 at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

2014 National Johnson O'Malley Association Conference-It Takes a Nation to Educate a Child

March 25-27, 2014 at the Doubletree Hilton in Denver, Colo. For more information visit www.njoma.com/NJOMA_2014_Conference.html.

Advanced Grant Writing for Tribal Organizations

March 25-27, 2014 at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The Essentials of Indian Law

March 27-28, 2014 at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The Seventh Annual Tribal Casino and Hotel Development Conference

April 7-8, 2014 at the Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort in North San Diego, Calif. For more information visit www. nativenationevents.org.

Social Service Management and Administration for Tribal Organizations

April 14-16, 2014 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Annual Tribal Secretaries and Administrative Professionals Conference

April 22-24, 2014at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Native American Student Advocacy Institute (NASAI) Conference

April 28-29, 2014, at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information visit www.nasai.collegeboard.org.

Annual Medicine Ways Conference

May 23-24, 2014 at the University of California in Riverside, Calif. For more information visit www.nasp.ucr.edu

Native American Economic Development and Energy Projects Conference

June 16-17, 2014 at the Disney Grand Californian Hotel and Spa in Anaheim, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Opinion/Letter-Christina Fallin's Headdress Photo

Dear Christina Fallin:

Last night, someone tagged me in the comments of your post on Instagram, a picture of you wearing dark red lipstick and a coordinating warbonnet. Initially, I just rolled my eyes and closed the window, because since I've somehow become an "expert" on white girls in headdresses, I get sent pictures like yours pretty much every single day. Don't believe me? Just glance at the "#indianheaddress" tag. But then I got another email, then another, and another, and another, and then realized that this one was different because, you, Christina, are the daughter of Oklahoma's Governor.

I've written a lot of these letters. I've written them to Drew Barrymore, to Paul Frank, to my local YMCA, to generic party-goers, and more. I've also written a whole post about why you can't wear a hipster headdress. I'd encourage you to read these posts.

But you see Christina, while a lot of those folks I wrote those letters to came at this from a place of ignorance (which doesn't excuse it by any means), you knew that putting on that headdress would be controversial. You titled your photo "Appropriate Culturation" which means you are aware of the concept of cultural appropriation, and knew that Native peoples would be hurt by your choice, and you did it anyway.

Then you released your "apology," an "apology" which never actually apologizes, and instead says this,

"Growing up in Oklahoma, we have come into contact with Native American culture institutionally our whole lives, something we are eternally grateful for. With age, we feel a deeper and deeper connection to the Native American culture that has surrounded us. Though it may not have been our own, this aesthetic has affected us emotionally in a very real and very meaningful way."

And then this line, which is the kicker, *"Please forgive us if we innocently adorn ourselves with your beautiful things. We do so with the utmost respect. We hold a sincere reverence for and genuine spiritual connection to Native American values."*

I can't get over that line. I read it again and again, and can't believe that you actually think that way of thinking is normal, excusable, and ok.

Cause here's the thing. There is nothing about this that is "innocent" or "respectful."

Let me tell you a story. I'm a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Though I've never lived in Oklahoma, I have a lot of family there, and claim it as one of my "homes," because that's where my community is based. But here's the thing: my tribe is not there by chance or by choice, my tribe, and the vast majority of the other Native peoples in Oklahoma, are there by force and by trauma. In 1830, the U.S. government and Andrew Jackson passed something called the "Indian Removal Act" which resulted in the removal of thousands and thousands of Native peoples from their homelands in the southeast. You know where those Native peoples were forced to march? Oklahoma. Though it was referred to as "Indian Territory" then. So all that "Native American culture" you've been able to come in contact with? It's thanks to violence, colonialism, and genocidal policies. It's not an innocent cultural exchange.

Once we got to Oklahoma, we were promised that the land would be ours forever. That we'd be left alone. That there wouldn't be anymore marching. We signed treaties to that effect. But then came the Dawes Act, and the Land Grab of 1889, and suddenly the land wasn't ours anymore.

After the removal off of our homelands, after the loss of our land in Indian Territory, then came the laws to remove our culture. Boarding schools, acts and laws to prohibit us from practicing our traditional spirituality, and more. Little Native children were forcibly removed from their homes, separated from their families, and forcibly assimilated. Our cultural markers, like your beloved headdress, were stripped from us, prohibited by law.

Notice the words I keep using here? Forcibly, stripped, prohibited, assimilated. This is not a happy history. This is a history marked by violence and by trauma. So while you may feel "eternally grateful" for your exposure to our cultures, you're deliberately ignoring your own history if you think your donning of a headdress is "innocent." Let's fast forward to 2014. Now "tribal trends" are totally "in." You can walk into any store in the mall and see "Native" imagery everywhere. As a Native person, when I look at them, I can't help but remember the not-so-distant past when my people weren't allowed, by law, to wear these things. It's such a constant reminder of the colonial power structures still in place. Back in the day, white people had the power to take away our culture, and now they have the power to wear it however they see fit. These are our images, our cultural symbols, yet we are completely powerless to have control over them. It may seem extreme, but the best way I can say it is that your wearing of the headdress is an act of violence that continues the pain of colonization. "Please forgive us if we innocently adorn ourselves with your beautiful things." The privilege and violence of that statement astounds me. "Please forgive us if we innocently use your beautiful land," "Please forgive us if we innocently educate your beautiful children," "Please forgive us if we innocently sexualize your beautiful women." These actions are not benign.

My tribe doesn't wear headdresses (do you even realize that there are hundreds and hundreds of tribes? That there isn't one "Native American culture" or one set of "Native American values"?), but I am continuing to learn and appreciate the history and meaning behind them. Not long ago I listened to my friend Jessica give a presentation. She put up an image of Sitting Bull in a warbonnet, and told the audience that each of the individual eagle feathers in that headdress was a gift from a community member, given to Sitting Bull as symbolic of their trust and respect in him as a leader. So when he wore that headdress, he was wearing the hopes, fears, and respect of his community. He had to earn that respect, and the community entrusted him with the responsibility of wearing those feathers. He didn't just pick it up at a costume shop because it looked "cool."

I'm trying to think of examples of things I respect, and how I show that respect. I'm actually struggling to think of a time when I respected something, and decided the best way to show that respect was by taking it. I respect the Dalai Lama, but I wouldn't put on Tibetan monk robes to show that respect. I respect the Zapatistas, but I'm not going to don a mask and wrap myself in an EZLN flag. You know how I show respect? I listen. I listen hard, I listen deeply, and I listen constantly. I listen to stories, I listen to histories, I listen to learn, and I listen to hear when I've misstepped. I listen so I can become a more complete human being. It is clear from your response that maybe you heard, but you didn't listen. If you would have listened to our voices as Native community members, you would have seen that the way to show respect to your Native friends and neighbors was not to put on a headdress and defend your choice, but to take it off and apologize.

I can't totally blame you, Christina. You, as a white person, have been socialized in a society where you've been taught imperial, colonial values. That the Americas were a empty, wide place that needed "discovering" by a lost Italian explorer. That "manifest destiny" meant white folks had a god-given right to colonize the West. That Native peoples were in need of "civilizing." That resources, people, and things are yours for the taking. You're not used to being told "no." As a Native person, I've learned to hear "no," but I think about it in a different way. I know, as a Native woman, that there are certain roles for me in the community. I know that there are certain times and places for knowledge, that there are certain stories I can't know, places I can't be, things I can't see. But I don't see that as limiting or unfair–I respect and understand the place that these practices come from.

I've been sent your picture probably 50 times since you posted it, and my Native friends and colleagues are all over the internet upset by it. But the thing that keeps bothering me is that we're expected, as community members, to have perfectly reasoned, calm, point-by-point rebuttals to your image and words. The burden of proof is on us, not you. Why can't we, as the cultures you're "respecting" simply say "no"? Why do we have to defend and fight and write 1400 words about why, and then listen while others mock our pain and hurt as being "overly sensitive"? Why can't you show us respect by just listening to us when we say, "Hey Christina, that headdress? It's not for you to wear."

I'm learning that with these letters, I need to offer you an action plan, an alternative, a path to making it right. So here's what I ask. Remove the image from Facebook. Release an actual apology, something that says you're sorry you were hurtful, not that you're sorry others were hurt. Then talk to your mom, Gov. Mary Fallin. Encourage her to put forward a bill to improve Native American history and curriculum in schools, modeled after Montana's Indian Education for All. Tell her that consolidating the Oklahoma Historical Society is probably not the best idea, and talk to her about the importance of allowing Native people to represent themselves and importance of lawmakers to listen. It's clear that Oklahoma likes to invoke and embrace their Native roots, but it's also clear that there needs to be a true discussion about the messages being sent. As her daughter, your mistake with the headdress is gaining more attention than it probably would have otherwise, but it also means that you have much more power to make change than the average citizen. Use that power for good.

So, Christina, I'm done with being angry. I just would like you to truly show me respect by listening to my words.

Adrienne K.
www.nativeappropriations.blogspot.com

Clinton tribal youth place second in annual Oklahoma Indian Challenge Bowl

The Clinton Tribal Youth Program (TYP) along with other Native American TYP programs from Oklahoma attended the Oklahoma Indian Challenge Bowl (OCIB) at the Chickasaw Cultural Center on Feb. 26, 2014 for their second year.

With anticipation and excitement urging, the students were ready to take on the challenges of traditional knowledge and events of Native American history.

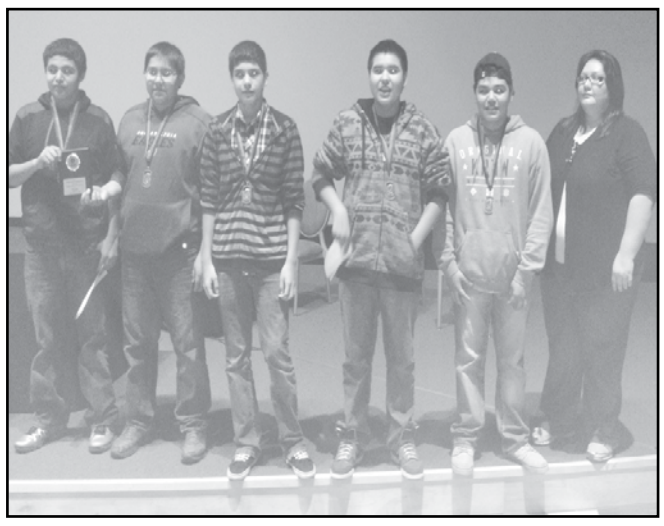
As the first round approached, all teams from surrounding areas gathered for last minute encouragement from their sponsors and teammates before heading to their assigned locations.

After each challenge Clinton TYP progressed towards the final round as the runner up against Norman for the final win.

Question after question piled on, but in the end Clinton TYP finished with second place brining honor to their community.

In order to make this possible we would like to thank the parents and community for making this possible.

Congratulations Clinton TYP for your success and victory at OICB. We are proud of you.



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Clinton tribal youth students who attended the Oklahoma indian Challenge Bowl were l-r: David Redshin, Kyle Lime , Roy Ramos, Jordan Roque, Chancho Slinky and Tribal Youth Program Counselor, Melissa Hamilton.

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Graduation Dance for Marvin Cato Garcia Jr.

March 15, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow.

Marvin is the son of Marvin Sr and Ann Marie Garcia. The grandson of Frances and the late Harry Garcia Sr., Corinne and the late John Washee Jr. He is the great-grandson of the late Sophie and Fred Limpy Jr., and the late Edward and Elizabeth Bull.

Spring Break Kick Off Youth Dance

March 15, 2014 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose building in Watonga, Okla. Dance is from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. DJ will be announced at a later date. For more information call (580) 791-2439 or (580) 791-2179.

Carmen "Pretty Horses" Sankey Benefit Dance

March 16, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Kit Fox Society meeting begins at 2 p.m. All Society Sisters and Princesses are invited to attend. For more information contact Sheldon Sankey at (918) 441-9633 or Alan Fletcher at (405) 923-0304.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Food Distribution Greenhouse Garden Grant presents Quick and Easy Gardening Classes

11 a.m. - 1 p.m., March 18, 2014 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m., March 19, 2014 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose building in Watonga, Okla.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m., March 20, 2014 in the large conference room, Concho Tribal Headquarters in Concho, Okla. Lunch, "make and take" provided.

Denver March Powwow

March 21-23, 2014 in Denver, Colo. For more information visit www. denvermarchpowwow.org.

Oklahoma Indian Nation's Powwow committee March Benefit Dance

March 29, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with Gourd dance to follow.

First Birthday Dance for Geneva Rose Gonzalez-Garcia and Coming Out Dance for Selesa Lourdes Shortman

March 29, 2014 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Center in Watonga, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow. For more information contact Lucy Gonzalez-Garcia at (405) 416-4763.

Graduation Honor Dance for Alexander Haag and Sierra Seneca

April 5, 2014 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Center in Watonga, Okla. Gourd dance, 3 p.m., supper at 5 p.m., program to follow. Tiny tot contests to honor the head little girls, three places and consolations. Prettiest Shawl Contest for girls age 0 to 12, three places and Golden Age Men's and Golden Age Women's contest, to honor grandparents, Bo LittleElk and Rhoda Youngbird-Braxton. Dance sponsored by the families of Alexander and Sierra.

Native Voices in Recovery Benefit Dance

April 5, 2014 at the Custer County Fairgrounds in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 3 p.m., followed by supper at 5 p.m.

Special Memorial Services for Paul Travis Rhodes

12 p.m., April 12, 2014 at the Glenpool Creek Indian Community Center, 13829 South Casper (north of intersection at Hwy. 75 and 141). A meal will be served following service.

Gourd dance begins at 2 p.m., Stomp dance at 4 p.m. followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. Gourd dance to begin again at 6:30 p.m. followed by War dance at 8:30 p.m. Contests for men and women 18 years and older. Crowning of Prince White Buffalocalf. Co-sponsor is All Nations Indian Youth. For more information call (918) 606-1447 or (918) 760-3039.

The 100th annual OU American Indian Student Association's Centennial Spring Contest Powwow

April 12, 2014 at the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla. For vendor information email, turnerwentworth@ou.edu. For powwow information email, jguerrero@ou.edu.

Memorial Dance for Alta M. Pawnee and Lisa J. Pawnee

April 19, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m. followed by supper at 5 p.m. Sponsored by the grandchildren of Alta M. Pawnee and the daughters and son of Lisa J. Pawnee. For more information call Wilma Redbird at (405) 537-1450.

The 31st annual Gathering of Nations Powwow

April 22-26, 2014 at the University of New Mexico arena, "The Pit" in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information visit www.gatheringofnations.com.

The sixth annual Tribal Epidemiology Center Public Health Conference

April 29-30, 2014 at the Firelake Grand Casino in Shawnee, Okla. Registration is free. For online participation visit www.OCAITHB.org. To reserve a room call (405) 964-7777.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday
Sean G. Hamilton.
We wish you many more birthdays to come and thankful to have you in our lives!
Love Grace, Desi, Will, Justin, uncle Francis, aunt Lydia, Araceli, Marisol and Adriana

Happy 10th Birthday
March 13
Carlina angel baby Hamilton
You are my little diva, you one of a kind girlfriend!!
Thank the man above for making you mine ten years ago
I love you with all my heart and hope you have a fabulous day
I will always love you and do anything for you
Love you to the moon and back times infinity, your mom, Lawrence, little bro Gregory and King, your little sis Cayli, grandma Lydia and grandpa Crazy Horse, aunties, uncles and cousins

March 17
Wishing a very Happy 6th Birthday to our baby hazel Ruby Gaines
We love you so much, mom and dad

Wishing the best sister in the whole world (Hazel Gaines) a very Happy Birthday
I love you sister, Harper Pearl Gaines

Happy 4th Birthday to my princess Marisol Martinez
I can't believe your 4-years-old already!
You will always be my baby
We love you baby girl!
Mama Grace, daddy, Araceli, Adriana, grandpa Francis, grandma Lydia, Desi, uncles Will and Justin, and Sean

Happy 94th Birthday
Doty Lumpmouth
April 1
He was born and raised in Geary, Okla. and a World War II veteran

Newest Arrival

Aaron Bull Coming and Michelle Gaines would like to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl! Cynthia Rose Bull Coming born on March 4, 2014 at 1:07 p.m. at Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City. She weighed 7 lbs and 15 ounces and 20 and 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are David and Koreen Gaines. Paternal grandparents are Larry and the late Earla Rose Bull Coming. She has many cousins, aunts, and uncles

Anastacia Phillina Little, of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Nicholas Scott Kelley, of Seminole Nation and big brother Damian Narias Kelley, would like to announce and welcome the birth of their baby daughter and sister, Veliciana LaRaillia Kelley.

Their second born for the proud parents. Baby girl Veliciana was born at St. Anthony Hospital on Feb. 25, 2014 at 4:16 a.m. in Shawnee Okla. She joined us weighing 6.14 lbs. and at a length of 20 inches.

The proud maternal grandparents are LaCrecia Yelloweyes and Scott William of Haskell, Okla. The paternal grandparents are Regina Williams Kelley and Jason Kelley of Seminole Okla. The maternal great grandparents are Thelma Yelloweyes and S. F. Lanham of Seminole Okla., and maternal great-great grandparents are Doris Hamilton and Walter Hamilton, of El Reno Okla.

I Heard the War Whoop in 73'

When I heard the people's cry for help up north; my soul began walking the great red road to Pine Ridge

On my journey I prayed to grandfather, the Sacred One, what I must do, this is what He told me: 'Go to Jumping Bull's place on the rez and join the warriors of AIM who are there to help.'

Got to get back to my people, and set the spirit of Crazy Horse free.

We are the spiritual movement of our ancestors, we are the new heartbeat of the people, we are the pride of Sitting Bull, Geronimo and Chief Joseph.

When I got to Wounded Knee, it was under siege; there was Custer's men shooting and killing like long ago. And I had a vision that lighting from the sky was striking down the turquoise men.

Then I saw four eagles hovering over a church.

David Kaw

HIV/AIDS among American Indians

HIV/AIDS is a growing problem among American Indians. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports, when population size is taken into account, American Indians rank third in rates of HIV/AIDS diagnosis.

HIV stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus. It is the virus that can lead to Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, or AIDS. Unlike some other viruses, the body cannot get rid of HIV. Once you have HIV, you have it for life.

In 2004, the estimate rate of AIDS diagnoses for Indian adults and adolescents was 9.9 per 100,000 persons. Unfortunately, when Indians receive a diagnosis of AIDS, they have a shorter life span than other race/nationalities that contract this disease.

Race and ethnicity alone are not, by themselves, risk factors for HIV infection. Indians are likely to face challenges associated with risk for HIV infection including: sexual risk factors and substance use.

Sexual Risk Factors: Sexually transmitted disease can increase the chance of contracting or spreading HIV. Having unprotected sex (sex without a condom) with someone who has HIV can transmit the infection from one person to another.

Substance Use: Drinking alcohol or taking drugs that aren't injected can increase your risk for HIV. Being drunk or high affects your ability to make safe choices and lowers your inhibitions, which may lead you to take risks you are less likely to take when sober, such as having sex without a condom or use other drugs which are injected. Sharing needles and syringes used to prepare injection drugs with someone who has HIV is another way for the infection to be spread.

The only way to know if you are infected with HIV is to be tested. You cannot rely on symptoms to know whether you have HIV. Many people who are infected with HIV do not have any symptoms at all for 10 years or more. Some people who are infected with HIV report having flu-like symptoms (often described as "the worst flu ever") two to four weeks after exposure. Symptoms can include: fever, enlarged lymph nodes, sore throat, and/or rash.

These symptoms can last anywhere from a few days to several weeks. During this time, HIV infection may not show up on an HIV test, but people who have it are highly infectious and can spread the infection to others.

The only way to determine whether you are infected is to be tested for HIV infection. For information on where to find an HIV testing site, visit National HIV and STD Testing Resources online and enter your ZIP code, text your zip code to KNOWIT (566948), and you will receive a text back with a testing site near you or call CDC-INFO (800) 232-4636 to ask for free testing sites in your area.

These resources are confidential. You can also ask your health care provider to give you an HIV test.

Native American HIV Testing Day is March 20, 2014. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Health Programs has partnered with the Clinton Service Unit to provide health information and testing on this day. Testing will be provided at both the Concho Community Hall and Clinton Indian Health Center from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more information, please contact Deborah Ellis, with the Health Education Program at (405) 422-7674 or email dellis@c-a-tribes.org.

Information adapted from the Center for Disease Control.

Native American HIV Testing Day

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Concho	Clinton
NAC Building 9:00 – 3:00 (Testing begins at 10:00)	IHS Clinic 9:00 – 3:00
Testing is available for ages 13 to adult	

A t-shirt will be given to the first 50 participants in each community.

- ✓ The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends HIV testing as a part of routine healthcare ages 13 to 69.
- ✓ According to the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center fact sheet, American Indians and Alaskan Natives have the shortest overall survival time of persons diagnosed with HIV.
- ✓ Nearly 1 in 5 people with HIV don't know they are infected (CDC)

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Oklahoma AIDS Care Fund

Important information, free door prizes, and healthy snack bag

For more information, please Deborah Ellis at 405-422-7674

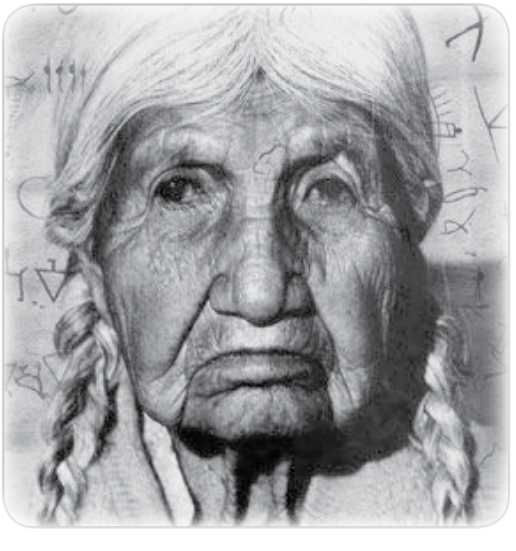
President releases budget, $25 million for Elder Justice

The bi-partisan 3000 member Elder Justice Coalition today called the $25 million Elder Justice Initiative contained in President Obama's FY 2015 budget proposa "a very encouraging development, which provides the issue of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation some of the elevated attention it has long deserved."

The $25 million in the Elder Justice Initiative, as explained in the President's budget documents, would provide $5 million to states to interface with the Adult Protective Services National Data System, $11.2 million to advance a coordinated Federal research strategy on elder abuse, including researching characteristics of abusers and victims, and the balance to enhancing data collection at the national level.

Elder Justice Coalition National Coordinator Bob Blancato noted that Congress still must consider and approve the request in order for the critical work to begin.

"Our Coalition will be communicating with many Members of Congress on this issue in the coming weeks. There are many Members on both sides of the aisle who supported the Elder Justice Act; now it is time to fund the very programs that they supported. We will be most supportive of the $25 million in new funds being invested in elder justice. We recognize that Congress might have its own perspective on how these funds could be used, but our main goal is to ensure that new elder justice funding is recognized as both a bipartisan and urgent priority for FY 2015. Victims of abuse, their families, and our communities should not have to wait any longer for action on this issue."



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Native American Gym
Education Classroom
Canton, Okla.

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SATURDAY 8 AM-3 PM

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College degree preferred. Minimum requirement, high school diploma or GED equivalent. Two years experience as a transcriptionist is preferred. Valid Oklahoma state driver's license. Reliable vehicle. Great attitude and work ethic. Tribal preference.

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Executive Coordinator- Executive Office Administration Building, Concho, OK March 20, 2014

Qualifications:

Associates Degree from accredited college or university or Work experience equivalent to four (4) years in federal state, or tribal government. Knowledge of federal, state, tribal government contracts and grants. Working knowledge of computer software programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel etc. Ability to relate and work with the general public. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho Preference

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Economic Development Program Director Concho, OK Closing: March 21, 2014

Qualifications:

Graduate from a four-year accredited college or university, with specialization in business, planning and public administration or a closely related field. Strong written and oral communications; ability to speak publicly and effectively to groups and individuals, engineers, architects, contractors, developers, businesses, supervisors, employees, Tribal Council and the general public. Ability to establish working relationships with economic development specialists. Working knowledge of municipal zoning and infrastructure and planning programs and processes. Exceptional research capabilities. Ability to prepare and analyze reports and data. Skilled in the operation of necessary tools and equipment, i.e. computer, word processing, spreadsheet software, and general office equipment. Must be a team player with resilient leadership skills. Must be an intellectual who has the ability to think ahead. Valid Oklahoma driver's license. Ability to pass a drug screening. At least 5 years of documented experience performing above or related duties.

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Building Inspector Concho, OK Closing: March 21, 2014

Qualifications:

Must possess Oklahoma state inspectors license in all trades (building, plumbing, mechanical, and electrical). At least 4-6 years of direct experience in the field of construction. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license.

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Outreach Caseworker Crisis Program Closing: March 19, 2014

Qualifications:

Prefer bachelor's degree in social work or related field, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Require two years of experience in professional related field. Ability to work flexible hours and willing to work hours including after 5 p.m. Must understand and strive to implement the program's goals, objectives, rules and regulations. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/ Native American cultures and values. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license to operate a government owned vehicle. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

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C4 Receptionist C4 Legislative Office/ Concho, OK Closing: March 20, 2014

Qualifications:

High School degree or equivalent. Minimum two (2) years of clerical/administrative experience. Computer literate. Ability to maintain high level of confidentiality. Posses a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Have reliable transportation. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference

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Administrative Assistant/Receptionist Executive Office Concho, OK Closing: March 20, 2014

Qualifications:

Associates Degree from accredited college or university or work experience equivalent to four (4) years in federal, state, or tribal government. Knowledge of federal, state, tribal government contracts and grants. Knowledge of accounting principles and practices related to budgeting and property and supply. Working knowledge of computer software programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, and Access. Ability to relate and work with the general public. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

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Drop Team
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(3) all shifts
Players Club
(2) 2nd shift

Applications are accepted at the Cheyenne and Arapaho E.O.T.S. office Monday through Friday 8 a.m. through 5 p.m.

Tammy Mickle H.R. Specialist Lucky Star Casino (405) 262-7612

Assistant to the Governor Executive Office Concho, OK Closing: March 20, 2014

Qualifications:

Associates Degree from accredited college or university or work experience of four (4) years in federal, state, or tribal government. Knowledge of federal, state, tribal government contracts and grants. Knowledge of accounting principles and practices related to budgeting and property and supply. Working knowledge of computer software programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, and Access. Ability to relate and work with the general public. Must be posses a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

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(3) Overnight
(4) 8 p.m. – 1 p.m.
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Drop Team
(4) 5 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Cage
(1) Overnight Vault/Employee Window Cashiers 12 a.m.-8 a.m.
(2) Vault/Employee Window Cashier 4 p.m.-12 a.m.
(1) Vault/Employee Window Cashier Swing Shift Part-time
Surveillance
(1) Swing Shift 3 p.m.-11 p.m.
(1) Overnight

Please contact Heather at the Human Resources department (580) 323-6599 or by email hwhiteshirt@luckystarcasino.org. Applications will be received until filled.

Executive Assistant Executive Office, Concho, OK Closing: March 20, 2014

Qualifications:

Associates Degree from accredited college or university or Work experience equivalent to four (4) years in federal, state, or tribal government. Knowledge of federal, state, tribal government contracts and grants. Knowledge of accounting principles and practices related to budgeting and property and supply. Working knowledge of computer software programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, and Access. Ability to relate and work with the general public. Must be posses a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference

SALARY: Negotiable

Controller Concho, OK March 25, 2014

Qualifications:

Minimum of an Associate's degree in Business/ Accounting with (2) years experience as a controller. Experience as a financial manager or senior accountant. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Professional demeanor with flexible attitude and strong organizational skills. Skilled in management procedures and skilled in diplomacy toward dealing with people and staff in maintaining high morale and productivity. Valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne-Arapaho Preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Letter to the Editor ...

Ha-we

My name is Paul Beavers (Osage). I am an incarcerated inmate at the medium security side of the Lexington Correctional Center in Lexington, Okla.

Here at this facility we have a confined Inter-Tribal Group and a Sweat Lodge Circle. We were recently given permission by our facility staff to reach out to our tribal brothers and sisters to request assistance with our needs here as an Inter-Tribal Circle/Group.

We are in need of help with our Sweat Lodge. What we need is cedar, sage, sweet grass, bitterroot and tobacco. All items to be used for our Ceremonies. We are also in need of a hand drum, gourds and sticks to make rattles, beads, buckskin, and door blanket.

We are in desperate need of your help. If we cannot get help from an outside source, then our staff will make us use items that will be purchased from a trading post. And that is just not right or proper, because we cannot buy our way to heaven, nor can we use items in a spiritual way, if we don't know who has handled these items. That would be bad medicine.

Please help us with our spiritual journey, as this is all that we have as Native people. We are trying to make corrections in our lives and grow closer to our Creator, but we need help.

If anyone is able to help us along this spiritual path, please send us any donation that you can to our sponsor, Mrs. Folks, Case Manager, C/O Unit 5 Medium Security Sweat Lodge Circle, PO Box 260, Lexington, OK 73051.

Your kindness and help will be greatly appreciated and all items will be used in the appropriate manner.

May the Creator bless you and your circle always. Thank you all so much, it truly means a lot to us.

Paul Beavers

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In The Matter Of The Application Of:
K.A.M. JR.
DOB: 03/11/04
A Minor Child
By and through his Natural Mother
Odessa Ann Thunderbull
To Change His Name

Case No: CIV-2014-0015

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: KARL ANTHONY MORLAN

TAKE NOTICE, that Odessa Ann Thunderbull has filed in this Court a Petition For Name Change of minor child, as follows, to wit: from K.A.M. Jr. to E.B.T. and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 30TH day of APRIL, 2014 at 10:00 A.M., and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 26TH day of FEBRUARY, 2014.

Ricque Richardson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

Petitioner:
Odessa Ann Thunderbull
1501 S. Rock Island Ave.
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At 3 p.m. every 8th and 23rd of the month. Unless the 8th or 23rd falls on a weekend, it will be the Friday preceding.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Social Services Department

is coming to

CANTON TRIBAL COMMUNITY HALL

March 20, 2014

11:00 to 3:30 p.m. to provide and process LIHEAP applications to eligible members.

(Must bring household CDIBS, income statement and ORIGINAL utility bill.)

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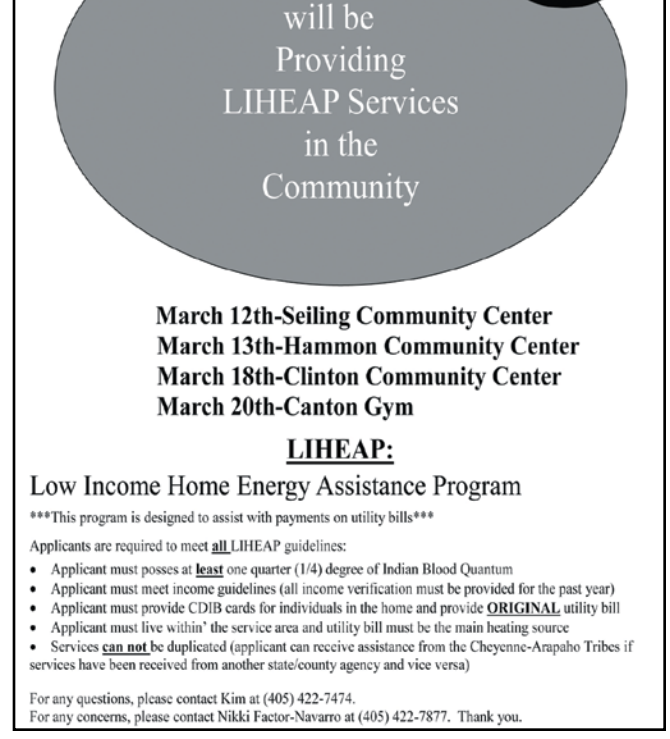
In the Month of March
11AM-3:30PM
Social Services will be Providing LIHEAP Services in the Community
March 12th-Seiling Community Center
March 13th-Hammon Community Center
March 18th-Clinton Community Center
March 20th-Canton Gym
LIHEAP:
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
This program is designed to assist with payments on utility bills
Applicants are required to meet all LIHEAP guidelines:
• Applicant must posses at least one quarter (1/4) degree of Indian Blood Quantum
• Applicant must meet income guidelines (all income verification must be provided for the past year)
• Applicant must provide CDIB cards for individuals in the home and provide ORIGINAL utility bill
• Applicant must live within' the service area and utility bill must be the main heating source
• Services can not be duplicated (applicant can receive assistance from the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes if services have been received from another state/county agency and vice versa)
For any questions, please contact Kim at (405) 422-7474.
For any concerns, please contact Nikki Factor-Navarro at (405) 422-7877. Thank you.

Native American cabinet position proposed in Okla.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) A proposal to create a cabinet-level position focusing on Native American affairs within the Governor's Office would be a positive step in improving the relationships between Oklahoma and its 39 tribes, tribal leaders say Rep. Chuck Hoskin, D-Vinita, authored a bill that elevates the Oklahoma Native American liaison to a cabinet-level position. The Secretary of Native American Affairs, whose salary would be capped at $65,000, would consult and advise the governor on tribal policy issues. The General Government Committee approved the bill by a 9-1 vote on Feb. 20.

"The tribes all want to work in partnership with the state and they desire a stronger government-to-government relationship, and they feel if the position is cabinet level it will provide a strengthening of that partnership," Hoskin said, who is also chief of staff for the Cherokee Nation, Alex Weintz, spokesman for Gov. Mary Fallin, said the Governor's Office has not reviewed the proposal.

In 2012, Fallin appointed Jacque Hensley, a member of the Kaw Nation, to a newly created executive branch position of Oklahoma Native American liaison after the Republican controlled Legislature abolished the Oklahoma Indians Affairs Commission the year before.

Weintz noted Hensley already attends senior staff and cabinet-level meetings and meets with the governor regularly. The abolishment of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission in 2011 initially drew opposition from some Native American lawmakers, though tribes later said they were pleased to be working directly with a liaison to the governor's office.

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said Friday in a statement to The Associated Press that Hensley's appointment has been a "positive development" and has enhanced the relationships between Indian nations and the state of Oklahoma.

He said the tribe is pleased to hear the Legislature is considering creating a Secretary of Native American Affairs post because "effective communication has long been the cornerstone of positive and productive relationships between Indian nations and the state of Oklahoma."

Cherokee Nation Principle Chief Bill John Baker echoed that statement, and added that tribes are a major contributor to the economy and culture of Oklahoma.

"When tribes do well, so does Oklahoma,'" he said.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett said anything that promotes cooperation and a partnership between the state and Indian tribes is a positive step.

"If this new position would lead to a better relationship between the two and better understanding, it's a good thing," he said.

Barrett said the Oklahoma Indiana Affairs Commission, on which he served, was designed to be a rotating body of elected tribal leaders who have face-to-face relationships with directors of various agencies of state government.

"A cabinet post would be a very different kind of relationship than one body meeting with another body, but it would be an improvement," he said, later adding. "We would love to see the governor herself occasionally.'"

The measure is House Bill 1305.

THE SIMON ORTIZ AND LABRIOLA CENTER LECTURE ON INDIGENOUS LAND, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY

GOOD HEART

Edgar Heap of Birds

HEADS ABOVE GRASS: PROVOCATIVE NATIVE AMERICAN PUBLIC ART AND STUDIO PRACTICE

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014
Lecture 7:00 p.m.
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Monoprint background by Edgar Heap of Birds

The artworks of Hock E Eye VI Edgar Heap of Birds (Cheyenne and Arapaho) include multi-disciplinary forms of public art messages, large scale drawings, Neuf Series acrylic paintings, prints, works in glass and monumental porcelain enamel on steel outdoor sculpture.

Named a USA Ford Fellow in 2012, Professor Heap of Birds teaches in Native American Studies at the University of Oklahoma, where he has been since 1988. His seminars explore issues of the contemporary artist on local, national and international level.

Heap of Birds received his Master of Fine Arts from Tyler School of Art, Temple University (1979), his Bachelor of Fine Arts from The University of Kansas (1976) and has undertaken graduate studies at The Royal College of Art, London, England.

He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts Degree from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, Massachusetts (2008). Heap of Birds has received grants and awards from The National Endowment for the Arts, Rockefeller Foundation, Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation, Lila Wallace Foundation, Bonfil Stanton Foundation, The Pew Charitable Trust and the Andy Warhol Foundation.

Heap of Birds' art work was chosen by the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian as their entry towards the competition for the United States Pavilion at the 52nd Venice Biennale. He represented the Smithsonian with a major collateral public art project and blown glass works in Venice, June 2007 titled: "Most Serene Republics."

The artist has exhibited his works across the world at venues from New York's Museum of Modern Art to the Grand Palais in Paris and the Bandung Institute of Technology in Indonesia.

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The Simon Ortiz and Labriola Center Lecture on Indigenous Land, Culture, and Community at Arizona State University brings notable scholars and speakers to Arizona for public lectures twice per year. These speakers address topics and issues across disciplines in the arts, humanities, sciences, and politics. Underscoring Indigenous American experiences and perspectives, this series seeks to create and celebrate knowledge that evolves from an inclusive Indigenous worldview and that is applicable to all walks of life.

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ATHLETES SPOTLIGHT

Interview and photo by Rebecka Lyman

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Courtesy photos

Nick Ramirez currently plays on the El Reno Indians soccer team. The senior beat cancer a few years ago and worked himself back into shape to be able to play in hopes of making it to collegiate level.

When did you first begin playing?

I began playing when I was eight years old.

What is it about the sport that you love the best?

It is one of the most action packed sports there is.

What has been your biggest accomplishment in the sport so far?

In our last tournament I scored the winning goal and it felt pretty good.

What is your biggest accomplishment in the classroom so far?

Catching up on all my credits.

What are some of your goals, (sports, life, school)?

Graduate high school on time and go to college, play some soccer and get a career.

What actions are you taking to reach these goals?

To maintain focused on any task that is in front of me.

What has been the most exciting game you have played in?

When I played my first game after I was not sick anymore. I was 12-years-old when I was diagnosed with cancer.

What is the best advice you have ever been given and who gave you that advice?

When I was 14 my mom, Carla gave me the best advice when she encouraged me to keep playing soccer, because I had given up on playing soccer ever again.

Do you have a saying or motto that you live your life by?

Live life to the fullest.

Who or what inspires you the most?

My mom, because she is one of the strongest people I know.

What work out routine do you have for training in your sport?

I run, lift weights and jump rope to keep myself in shape.

What are one or two things in your training, that you feel are keys to you being successful in your sport?

Endurance.

What is your favorite meal before or after a game?

Subway sandwich.

Who has had the biggest impact on your life?

My mom teaches me a lot of good things and does a lot for me. She always encourages me and pushes me in the right direction.

What are some of your hobbies (what do you like to do when not playing sports)?

I don't really have any, but I do run in the Relay for Life

runs or any other types of 5k runs to help raise money for the cure for cancer. I also speak to kids who have cancer and share my story with them.

What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to?

I listen to all types of music.

What is one thing about you that no one else knows?

I draw when I am in my room alone.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

I hope someone figures out the cure for cancer.

What do you someday dream of doing?

I want to become a radiation physician.

Who is your favorite athlete of all time?

Ronaldinho, Brazilian footballer.

Which team is your favorite team?

Real Madrid

What are your plans after graduating high school?

Go to college, I want to go to OU.

What would be your advice to younger kids coming up behind you?

Stay in school and give it their all so that maybe they can earn a scholarship to go to college.